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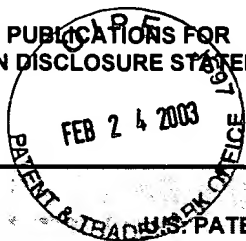
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Plurality of invention

I consider that your application relates to more than one invention. Claim 1 represents three alternatives, and claim 38 apparently adds a fourth invention. Claim 20 is considered to relate to the same inventions as claim 1.

Each of the inventions represents a method or apparatus for downloading requested data from one of a plurality of clients to the client which requested the data. This common subject matter is anticipated by each of the cited documents.

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- ii) the requesting client issues a request to one or more clients, as claimed in claims 1 and 20 at least;
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- iv) the requesting client is provided with means for selecting the client from which data will be downloaded, as claimed in claim 38 at least.

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